

OFFERTORY "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Swedish hymn, arr. Behnke

*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF SENDING #83 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #748 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" (verse 1)

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace;
O direct us and protect us traveling through this wilderness.**

*POSTLUDE March from "Alceste"

Christoph von Gluck



WELCOME VISITOR! We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus this morning together with the rest of us. We want you to be well informed about the Christian faith and about the church so don't be afraid to ask. You may communicate with us in several ways. Ask a neighbor in your pew, fill out a blue first-time visitor card, add your name to the Ritual of Friendship pad and by all means do not hesitate to contact our pastor. May God bless you this morning and throughout the week.

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor
Dorothy Clark, Organist
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Nursery: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

September 23, 2018

11:00 a.m.



Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Mark 9:37

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "To God, the Father of All Love"

unknown 18th century composer

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Greg Lathrop

Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship.

Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you for submission to church prayer list.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Those who are able, please stand.

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #489 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 1)

Liturgist: Greg Lathrop

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

All: Our delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law we meditate day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

All: In all that we do, we prosper.

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #142 "Sing Praise to the Father"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, although we know it is time to put away childish things, we are too often self-
ish and self-absorbed. We demand our own way and put ourselves ahead of others. Forgive us,
Lord. Help us to be open and humble before you, that we may receive your love and share it with
those around us. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

Leader: Scripture tells us that the God of peace will sanctify us entirely, and our spirit and soul and body will be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Friends, give thanks again for the great good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

(Children will be dismissed to Children's Worship following the anthem.)

ANTHEM "Order My Steps" Burleigh/Shrader

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING James 3:13-4:3

Page 216, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Mark 9:30-37

Page 42, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Childish or Childlike?"

Rev. Susan Bennett

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MINISTRY OF GIVING